



One fragrant morn, when Spring was young,  
I roam'd the glen in eager quest,  
Hoping with careful eye among  
The grass to find the violet's nest;  
But not a leaf or bud seem'd sprung  
Up from the couch of wintry rest;  
And yet, when all my greedy search was o'er,  
By chance I spy'd the flow'r I miss'd before!

One night, within my chamber pent,  
I strove my fancies to enchain  
In breathing numbers, and to vent  
Some portion of my bliss and pain;  
But strife of soul my musings rent—  
The sluggish pencil mov'd in vain;  
Yet out upon the mead the starlight brought  
The long-wish'd song, unbidden and unsought!

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